

as soon as I saw with what rapidity Bmtapurtp was marching upon Lyons, and the enthusiasm with which he was received by the troops and the people, I prepared to retire to Belgium, there to await the *dtntnwtnt* of this new drama.

Every preparation for lay departure was completed on the evening of the 13th of March, and I was ready to depart,

the pensions and to remove him from Elba, can be seen in this O\*rr<7j;<w/f?we?e of Talleyrand during the (Jongwas of v'iemw (London, Bcntlc-v), opeHally vol. ii. p. 27, where the ('zar says to Talleyrand at Vittna, \*\* Why do you not execute the treaty of 11th of April (giving the iwnsions;'. \* . . . The treaty has not been executed, we ought to insist on its exet'utioj\*; our honor JH at stake, \vo cannot possibly draw back; th« Emperor of Austria insiittH on it as much as I do." Talleyrand goes on to tell the King (vol. ii. p» \*2H), \*' Lonl Caktlorcagh also spoke to me warmly about the treaty of the, 11th <>f April, and I have no doubt he will mention it to your Majesty. Thin Mthjeei has been revived lately, and is now in every one.\s ntonth. I might to fell your Majesty that it is constantly recurring, and in it diMtgrerabh\* way.\* Talleyrand's only hope of gutting the treaty tie.rformed by his mamrr scum t<i have been to make, a disgraceful bargain by which Kranc<\* should abandon the slave trade, in return for which pu-re of humanity his neighbors, the ccon-trio islanders, were, to undertake the porfnrmance «>f tin\* contract l>y which Louis held his thrones. AH for thti removal, «e< tlu\* siuite (/»rrr t;iii? t^Mirr vol. i. p. 4K, where Talleyrand writan to the King on 1. Uh «k\*tobrr !Ml.'>, •• A very decided intention of removing Bonaparte from tin\* inland of Kilm iMiniuijfcHtiig itself. I have proposed <JH> of the Azores, it is «VM» leagueK from any coast. This the King considers an excellent idea. It vva\* not uitnaturaj l<\*r Nnpo-leon to suspect some worse motive for thin Hlep than the wish to jtlacn him at a distance, and the knowledge of this plot may hac had soiiie Bright with him when he surrendered himself to a Uovt'ritmt'nt which at !>>iuit would not go farther than imprisoning him. Bee a <mriouH tmt probably ttintontion-ali sinister allusion by Ahtxandor to thti King of Sav<tiy, another monarch held in disgrace by th« A1H<>B. \* If the King of Huxony iJtw\*s u<ii alxHttatt\* he shall be taken to Kuwia: he will dh» thorn " (TailMyruti<rh ^ \*'iv\*ww\*/i\*/<\*<v' vol. i. p. 87). Tim treaty is plan enough. \*Tli<\* !>litd <>f Elba atioptwi l>y his Majesty Napoloou I. an his i>1\*M\*eof r<fidi\*ice Hliall form during hin Hfe u separate principality which Hliall be poHHOHiutfi by him in full H\*n\*pr<\*iguty uml property" (Talleyrand's farrMitKnttenwi, vol. ii. p. 117j Tkwl>, t«>tuo Jcvli, p. TO; Marten\*, tome, vi. p. (JSMJ).

It must be remembered that this treaty wan not a mer^ favor granted to Napoleon when holplcMin. It waft a cotttiwt for wtitoli tit\* Allt< itiml <'<\*r< tainlv the Bourbons had reoeivixl full vaiu<n H<> w«H mm UtU utufarKtiKni ttt the time that it was <>nly when th« Allies l<wl tionmity Kix\*<<J ^>\*k tr>w>ty tlm Caulaincourt handed to Talleyrand tito fontiftl alKUoHtitui of Nil<il<i>J; iMW Tjier\*, tome xvii. p. 702. The oeHHion of Elba wan a bargain, not A gift, Napoleon was far from helpless\* It was th< citrni>rclimury nt<p takon Intur "by Talleyrand in surrendering the fortr-owum huld by Fwrncli iPX>pn which placed Franco at the feet of the Allies, Napoloou «oiii<l have pr<«>trsM?u\*! tli< war: the bond which held the AUe» ww not citwi U» itiwvl much strain, ami a petty island left to Napoleon ww a mnaU pri<w to pay for tim ci'jmifion <>f n straggle in which they had little more to gam «id everything to lc<\*. The Bmperorof Austria had given Napoleon hS> ilaughtt\*r, ilni i\*>ir luil trwtiwl him as a brother, Bavaria and Wurtemtorg w«r< Kuitgn by bin gnwii!; not » sovereign on the Continent had scrupled to uaoipt any gift from him in his days of power; witness the acceptance of Hanover by rrtwaiij. Kvt<« Kng-land had recognised him as ConsuU Why no faith to Jw k<«pl with him in his fall in difficult to explain. As for there Mug grmmtt fur purprin\* Hi his return, see the same Talfeyruud t'ttrrmpttttd ^nmi\* JD'Intiterlvfi writci to